

Dr. Wayne M. Reynolds

Dr. Reynolds is a fifth generation Methodist Minister. His ministerial career of nearly three decades includes pastorates in the United Methodist Church, the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and the Baptist Church. This ecumenically-minded, multi-cultural preacher has stood behind more than 70 pulpits across America, crossing both denominational and racial traditions. Dr. Reynolds delivers inspirationally, heart-stirring, contemporary, Bible-Based Sermons. His highly animated *Messages of Hope* have been known to encourage, uplift and challenge the Heart and Soul. Three congregations have doubled and tripled their worshippers under his preaching. At the June 2005 Annual Conference Session, The Westridge United Methodist Church of Norfolk, Nebraska received recognition for being number one in church growth and membership gain in the Northeast District of the Nebraska Annual Conference.

Pastor Reynolds has spoken at numerous public schools, universities and colleges around the country as Key Note Speaker, on topics ranging from Social and Environmental issues, Black History, mental health and At-Risk Youth. This past fall, Dr. Reynolds was a Guest Panelist at the University of Nebraska at Omaha at a World Religion Class, contrasting world religions, contemporary Christian Faith and controversial social issues.

Dr. Reynolds has also worked with over 20,000 youth as a School District Counselor, Juvenile Diversion Coordinator, School Teacher, Coach, Chaplain, Residential Youth Care Administrative Consultant and Youth Pastor, with a specialization in At-Risk Youth. Dr. Reynolds was an Adjunct Professor of Philosophy and Ethics at the Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs, Iowa and taught Religion at the world renown Boys Town national campus in Omaha, Nebraska. Reverend Reynolds served on the Omaha Police Department (OPD) as a member of the Volunteer Chaplain Corps for eight years.

Reverend Reynolds has been a Board Member on more than 30 non-profit city, state and national organizations including: Chairperson of the Oregon-Idaho Commission on Religion and Race of the United Methodist Church, Oregon-Idaho Conference Council on Ministries, Oregon-Idaho Conference Board of Church and Society; Mayor of Portland's At-Risk Youth Round Table Committee; House of Exodus Drug and Rehab Board Member; Portland Jaycees Vice-President; Jurisdiction of Oregon Prince Hall Masons Grand Chaplain/Annual St. John's Day Speaker; Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. District Chaplain; National Baptist Convention USA Inc., The Nebraska Juvenile Justice Association; Black Methodist for Church Renewal; the NAACP; Omaha Public Schools African American Achievement Team Board Member; President of F.A.C.E.S. Organization; President of the Tri-City Ministerial Association-for Ralston, LaVista and Papillion; the Interdenominational Ministerial Association (IMA) Secretary; Teammates of Nebraska Mentor; Habitat for Humanity Board Member; Norfolk Red Cross Board of Directors; Vice President Norfolk Ministerial Association; Chairman Norfolk Good Neighbors Association; Nebraska Northeast District Committee on the Superintendency; Nebraska Conference Rural Ministry Project Board Member, Norfolk Kiwanis Organization; The Nebraska Annual Conference Board of Trustees.

Dr. Reynolds has had the distinct pleasure of being in ministry at the following churches: Gorham United Methodist Church of Chicago, IL, Cascade United Methodist Church of Atlanta, GA, Ben Hill United Methodist Church of Atlanta, GA, Poplar Springs United Methodist Church of Atlanta, GA, Gordon Road United Methodist Church of Atlanta, GA, Hughes Memorial United Methodist Church of Portland, OR, Hope Lutheran Missouri Synod, Bethel Missionary Baptist, Lefler United Methodist, Union Memorial United Methodist of Omaha, NE, St. Paul's United Methodist of Papillion, NE, the Battle Creek United Methodist, Westridge United Methodist and the First United Methodist Church of Norfolk, Nebraska.

On June 11, 2005 Dr. Reynolds was appointed as the Pastor of the Grace United Methodist Church in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Pastor Reynolds received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the North Central College in Naperville, Illinois – his Masters of Divinity Degree from the Gammon/ITC Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia and the Doctor of Ministry Degree from the Carolina University of Theology in Stanley, North Carolina.

Blessed with numerous talents, Dr. Reynolds enjoys singing, writing and painting, with art work on display in Vancouver, WA, Portland, OR, and Chicago, Illinois. The 1978 NCAA All-American continues to train and compete in USA Masters Track & Field where he continues to win races in the 100 and 200 meters. His commitment to health and fitness has logged him well over 20,000 miles since 1965.

Pastor Reynolds has three children: *Wayne II*, an English/Theater Major at the University of South Dakota; *Norma* – a Political Science/Language Major at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota and *Normesha*, a Psychology Major at the University of South Dakota.

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways, acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:5-6